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Notes from November 13, 2006, 6:30 p.m. Lewis Park play area improvements meeting

Introductions

- Bryan Murphy
- Linda Jungwirth
- John Jungwirth
- Jeff Martens
- Kerry Antrim
- Patty Lammers
- Frank Sprandel
- Jody Martinez
- Marty

Project Introduction

We have the opportunity to replace the play area at Lewis Park. We briefly looked at the existing context of the park, and narrowed it down to the existing site conditions and how that lends to development of a new play area. Demographics of the area were presented to give an idea of the trends and conditions in the area.

There are a lot of nice connections, views, landforms, and mature trees in the park that should be preserved. However, inappropriate surfacing materials and safety zones, insufficient lighting, and tripping hazards are just a few of the items that need to be improved in the park.

Although the funding is specific to the play area, things that are critical to the safe operation of the play area should be considered as part of the project.

Project goals and objectives were identified:

- Goal: Promote Appearance of Park/Play Area
 - Retain park connections
 - Clear walks and surfaces of weeds, litter, etc.
 - Clean up graffiti
- Goal: Promote Park Safety/Security
 - Retain existing lighting levels
 - Retain sightlines
 - Eliminate tripping hazards
 - Utilize surfacing materials that meet accessibility and safety requirements
- Goal: Promote Health and Well-being
 - Provide activities for all ages
 - Utilize a balance of physical and education opportunities



Needs and wants

Needs:

- A tot lot (equipment for 2-5 year olds)
- Safety (lighting, sightlines)
- Lighting
- Durable materials
- Splash Pad
- Litter receptacles

Wants:

- Grilles
- Walking track – intermittent benches
- Labyrinth
- Fenced in dog run
- Wayzata Park improvements
- Skateboard item (for older kids)
- Public art
- Gazebo
- Springy motorcycle
- Benches
- Picnic Tables

Play area options

We discussed play area surfacing materials. There was a lot of support for a combination of sand and rubber access routes. We will discuss more in the next phase of the project as well.

At the next meeting we will have some young kids to help pick out equipment they would like to see in the play area.

Additional notes

Marty raised the question regarding ‘donations’ to the project to offset the cost. Yes! That is certainly welcome and we will work on that opportunity as the need arises.

Durability is a must

A schedule was presented for the design and construction process.

Next steps

I will prepare some concepts for the next meeting (December 11, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Rice Street Library) that will address all we have talked about at the November 13th meeting.



Bryan Murphy, ASLA